Leicester, Feb. 18. 1862.

Dear Mr. Webb;

My purpose of writing you a long letter by this mail has been quite defeated, by a "combination of circum=stances" which I need not stop to recite. — By Mrs. Hewson — some 3 weeks since — I sent you a small parcel, containing a volume and 3 photographs; whether the latter will at all meet your wishes I am in much doubt; but I wish you to accept them from me, and if I can see any of the more decidedly Abolitionist kind, I will send you such. Those sent were John G. Whittier (and not a very good likeness, yet sure to be recognised) & Jas. Freeman Clarke; & a view of Theodore Parker's grave at Florence, — I was sorry not to have ready the two sent herewith — which are very correct, that of my wife especially, which all admit to be so; that of my daughter is not so universally approved, tho' both her mother & myself think it as like as can be. These are sent to you by Mrs. May, with her regards to you and Mrs. Webb, & Richard, and all your family, in which I also cordially join.

By Mr. Hewson I also sent a hasty note, acknowledging receipt of the Bill for £33.10.6. – i.e. I think it was that bill which I acknowledged in my note, by her; at any rate, said bill was duly rec^d. and I have paid the various sums due – to Standard, Liberator, Subscription Anniversary, £10. to Mc Kim, &c. I have also sent a copy of the "John Brown" Life, as you requested to Mr. & Mrs. Suhôt in Ohio.– You ask about our taking more of John Brown, and perhaps bye & bye we may like to do so; and shall be most glad to do so, if we see a likelihood of selling them, We have sold about 60 of the 100 we had. I don't know how Mr Kim has sold his 60; I wrote to him, a week ago, to learn; but in his reply, to other matters, he omitted to say a word on the book. I shall keep it in remembrance, and when we see the way clear

I shall be most happy to call for more of an excellent book, which has given great pleasure to every person, so far as I know, who has read it here.

— Just at this instant comes in the noon-mail, bringing me your letter of Feb 1st, — I reply at once, I have never heard a complaint of your Standard letters; I have repeatedly heard them spoken of in pleasant contrast to Miss Martineau's. You know, of course, that we don't think you correctly see all the aspects of our war, and the present relations of the North and the South; but what of that? you may be right, & we wrong; and so long as a writer expresses himself in the courteous, frank, & hearty way you always do, you may be sure that all true friends of the Standard & of the cause will regret to lose the aid of such a writer. You must write ~~me~~ on, & write just as you think & please; — So long as you write as you always have, depend on it none here will gainsay.

I haven't even time to read thro' your note, or any more of it; and must stop short here. – I sent you an advance copy of last week's Liberia that you might see the report from Subscription Anniversary in season: notice it in March Advocate,

Mail closes immediately

Most sincerely Yrs

Saml. May Jr

Hope to write again soon – and to answer Alfred's questions about advocate. My regards to him.

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